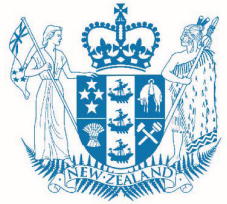


# Hon Penny Simmonds

Minister for the Environment  
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Dear Mike Theelen,

## Decision on Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile Variation Streamlined Planning Process

Thank you for providing the required reports and documents under clause 83(1) Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) to support my decision-making on the Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile Variation (TPLM) Streamlined Planning Process (SPP).

Following Queenstown Lakes District Council's (the Council) completion of the process set out in the SPP Direction on 29 April 2024, I am referring TPLM back to the Council with my **approval** under clause 84(1)(a)(i) of the RMA.

The reasons for my decision are as follows:

- a. Queenstown Lakes District Council has complied with the procedural requirements of the Streamlined Planning Process Direction and has had regard to the Statement of Expectations.
- b. Queenstown Lakes District Council has met the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991, regulations made under it, and relevant national direction.

In making this decision, I have had regard to the relevant considerations in clause 84 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

In accordance with clause 90 of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to give public notice of this decision, serve copies of that public notice on all submitters and make a copy of the notice publicly available. You can then proceed to make the TPLM operative in accordance with clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Thank you again for your work to date on this Streamlined Planning Process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Simmonds', written in a cursive style.

Hon Penny Simmonds  
**Minister for the Environment**